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Chris R. Shults  
420 South Allan  
Clarendon, Texas 79226

Subject: Request for Mineral Samples

Dear Mr. or Ms. Shults:

Enclosed with this letter are two samples of ore from the Western Utah Copper mine near Milford, Utah. Although the primary metal being mined is copper, the ore also contains gold and silver in economical amounts. Most gold and silver mined in Utah is microscopic and must be extracted through either a leaching or flotation process.

I apologize for not being able to send samples of uranium or vanadium. It is against Postal Service regulations to ship radioactive materials. Uranium, of course, is radioactive, and every vanadium deposit in Utah of which I am aware is associated with uranium.

For further information about minerals and mining in Utah, I invite you to visit the Utah Geological Survey web site at [www.geology.utah.gov](http://www.geology.utah.gov). Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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